

COLLEGE 101

Tidbits - Let's get started!



Get Connected with the Mac College and Career Center!

- Follow me on Instagram @maccollegcareer
- Keep up with Naviance announcements
- Encourage on-site college site visits. VERY OFTEN, these people review applicants
- Attend TACRAO College Fair and other virtual visits
- Tour schools when and where you can

General Tips

- Make an email account for the college process (NOT AISD and NOT a silly one!!!)
- Keep track of usernames and passwords you are sent
- Keep a running Google doc of honors, activities, volunteer work, etc.
- Send the essay even if optional and even with assured admission
- Take the SAT and/or ACT tests at least one time (merit aid is tied to test scores UNLESS school is test-optional) BUT be mindful of when to report
- Attend college site visits on the McCallum campus

Naviance Set-Up

- <https://student.naviance.com/mccallumhs>
- Click on “sign in with Clever”
- Update your email address (Do not use AISD email)
 - About me > My Account > Edit and then make the email be the same one as your Common App AND ApplyTexas
 - Update and be sure parent email is correct as well

Adding Colleges in Naviance

- Add colleges to “Colleges I’m Applying to” on the homepage. Click on + sign and type college name.
- Choose application type (Early Decision, Early Action, Regular, etc)
 - Early Decision is Binding! Be careful and thoughtful in choosing this route.
- Choose the WAY you are applying
 - Direct to Institution is ApplyTexas or an institution’s direct application
 - Common App includes Coalition & requires everything (transcripts, rec letters, and school profile)
- Request transcript when you add schools IF your list is final

Resume Tips (Keep a running list)

- Make a list first - Advanced courses taken
- GPA and rank
- Work experience
- School Activities/Offices held
- Honors & Awards
- Community Service

***BRAG and EXAGGERATE but DON'T LIE :)

Application sites

APPLY TEXAS

[HTTPS://GOAPPLYTEXAS.ORG](https://goapplytexas.org)

- All Texas public colleges
- Recommendations only required for private schools. If you are not assured admission, ask a teacher or counselor for a letter.
- Application NOT evaluated until all REQUIRED parts are received.

COMMON APPLICATION/COALITION

www.commonapp.org

- Most schools across the nation
- Private TX schools
- Connected directly with Naviance

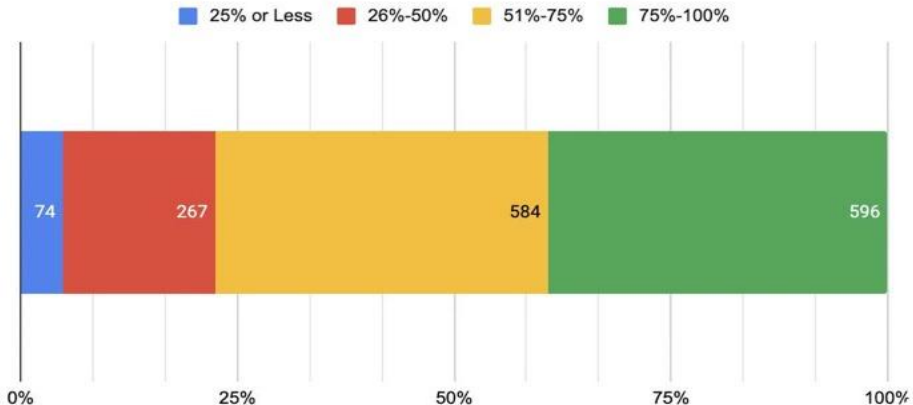
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Among the ~1500 4-yr colleges that do report application data, more than 3/4 admit more than half their applicants.

Most students get accepted to most colleges. People tend to focus on the same 50 highly rejective colleges with single digit percent acceptance rates.

Share of 4Y Colleges by Admit Rate

Source: IPEDS, Fall 2019



What are schools looking at and in what order?

- RIGOR of transcript AND successful completion
- Involvement and commitment to it
 - All four years, leadership roles, etc.
 - Passion in a particular area (ex: Austin Pets Alive)
- Character
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Essay
- Scores (never the tipping point)

CLASS RANK	Test Optional	Top 6%	Top 7-10%	1st Q (Top 11-25%)		2nd Q (Top 26-50%)		3rd Q (Top 51-75%)		4th Q (Top 76-100%)		Additional Comments	
		SAT/ACT	SAT/ACT	New SAT	ACT	New SAT	ACT	New SAT	ACT	New SAT	ACT		
Angelo State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min	No Min	920	17	Indvl Rw		Indv Rw		Updated 07/14/2020	
Concordia University Texas	Yes	1020 SAT/ 22 ACT with a Min GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale)										Updated 07/16/2020	
Houston Baptist University	Yes	1070/21					Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw				All ranks w/ 1270 SAT/ 26 ACT Auto Admit; Updated 07/14/2020
Lamar University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1040	20	1080	21	1080	21	Updated 07/14/2020	
Midwestern State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1070	21	1140	23	1180	24	2.75-4.0 GPA Uncon Admit; 2.5-2.74 Cond Admit 08/10/2020	
Sam Houston State University	No	No Min	No Min	3.5-4.0 GPA 930/17		3.0-3.49 GPA 1010/19		2.5-2.99 GPA 1110/22		2.25-2.49 GPA 1210/25		2.24 & Below Review only; Verified 07/14/2020	
Stephen F. Austin State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	930	17	1030	20	1170	24	Indv Rw		Updated 07/14/2020	
Sul Ross University	No	No Min	No Min	No Min		No Min		1040	20	1040	20	Updated 07/14/2020	
Tarleton State University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		880	16	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 07/14/2020	
Texas A&M- College Station	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 07/14/2020	
Texas A&M- Commerce	Waiting	No Min	No Min	No Min (Top 30%)		1060	21	1060	21	1060	21	Updated 07/14/2020	
Texas A&M- Corpus Christi	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1080	21	1170	23	1270	27	Updated 07/14/2020	
Texas A&M- Galveston	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 07/14/2020	
Texas A&M- International	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		No Min (Top 40%)		980	19	980	19	*Top 40% no min; Bottom 60% 980/19- Updated 07/16/2020	
Texas A&M- Kingsville	Yes	No Min	No Min	830	15	910	17	1030	20	1140	23	Updated 07/16/2020- Auto Admit may still change	
Texas A&M- San Antonio	No	No Min	No Min	No Min or >3.25 GPA		3.0 GPA 980/19		2.50 GPA 1020/20		2.0 GPA 1060/21		All Ranks Auto Admit: 1100 SAT/ 22 ACT; Updated 07/16/2020	
Prairie View A&M	No	No Min	No Min	800	15	800	15	800	15	800	15	Min GPA of 2.8; Pass All EOCs- Updated 08/04/2020	
Texas Southern University	Waiting	No Min	No Min	900	17	900	17	900	17	900	17	Minimum GPA of 2.5- Updated 07/16/2020	
Texas State University	Top 75% Only	No Min	No Min	1000	20	1090	22	1250	26	1330	29	Updated 07/29/2020	
Texas Tech University	Yes	No Min	No Min	1180	24	1240	26	1280	27	Indvl Rw		Test Scores Required for Merit Based Scholarships 07/15/2020	
Texas Woman's University	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1080	21	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Minimum GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale Updated 07/27/2020	
University of Houston- Main Campus	Waiting	No Min	No Min	1080	21	1170	24	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Unspoken Rule: 3rd & 4th Q: 1270/27 Updated 7/27/2020	
University of Houston- Clear Lake	Waiting	No Min	No Min	1030	20	1130	23	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 7/27/2020	
University of Houston- Downtown	Waiting	No Min	No Min	No Min		930	18	930	18	930	18	Minimum GPA of 2.5- Updated 7/27/2020	
University of Houston- Victoria	Yes	No Min	No Min	940	18	940	18	940	18	940	18	Must meet 2: Top 40%, 2.0 GPA, Test Score; Updated 8/10/2020	
University of North Texas	Depends GPA	No Min	No Min	1030	20	1130	23	1250	26	Indvl Rw		Assured admissions 3.0 Unweighted GPA- Updated 07/28/2020	
UT- Arlington	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1100	22	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 7/28/2020	
UT- Austin	Yes	No Min	Indvl Rw	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Top 6%; Updated 07/28/2020	
UT- Dallas	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 07/28/2020	
UT- El Paso	No	No Min	No Min	No Min		920	19	970	20	1010	21	Updated 08/14/2020	
UT- Permian Basin	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1020	20	1160	24	1280	27	Updated 07/28/2020	
UT- Rio Grande Valley	Yes	No Min	No Min	Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Indvl Rw		Updated 07/28/2020	
UT- San Antonio	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		1170	24	Indvl Rw*		Indvl Rw*		*Indvl review min: 2Q: 980/19; 3Q-1080/21; 4Q-1170/24	
UT- Tyler	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		2.75 GPA					Minimum GPA 2.75- Updated 08/04/2020		
West Texas A&M	Yes	No Min	No Min	No Min		960	18	1060	21	1130	23	Minimum GPA 2.0- Updated 7/28/2020	
NON TX Schools													
Arizona State University		Top 25% or 3.0 GPA or 1180 SAT/ 24 ACT										Must meet at least 1 Requirement; Updated 07/23/19	
Kansas State University		1060 SAT/ 21 ACT and a 2.5 GPA (min 2.0 College GPA)										Update 7/23/19	
Mississippi State University		1030 SAT/ 20 ACT and a 2.5 GPA (based on College Prep Curriculum [CPC])										Updated 7/23/19	
Missouri State University		Top 66% and a 1130 SAT/ 23 ACT (Sliding Scale- visit website for more details)										Updated 7/23/19	
Oklahoma State University		3.0 GPA and Top 33.3% or 3.0 GPA and 1060 SAT/ 21 ACT or 1160 SAT/ 24 ACT										Must meet at least 1 Requirement; Updated 07/23/19	
University of Kansas		1060 SAT/ 21 ACT and a 3.25 GPA or 1160 SAT/ 24 ACT and a 3.0 GPA										College Prep GPA 2.5+; Updated 7/23/19	
University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)		3.2 GPA (based on CPC); Top 50% or 2.5 GPA and 890 SAT/ 16 ACT; 970 SAT/ 18 ACT and a 2.0 GPA*										Admission based on availability; Apply Early; Updated 07/23/19	
University of Nevada		3.0 GPA and 1120 SAT/ 22 ACT										Updated 7/23/19	

TEST OPTIONAL

IT'S TRUE. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS!

Directly from the mouth of two different college advisors *this week*, “Test scores will have no impact on admissions beyond merit aid.”

Assured Admissions - Due to test optional, colleges will not require scores/HOLISTIC REVIEW

Texas Tech:

ASSURED ADMISSION

Students graduating from high school may be assured admission by presenting the required combination of test scores and class rank indicated below.

HIGH SCHOOL RANK	ACT / SAT	
Top 10%	No Minimum	
First Quarter (11%-25%)	24	1180
Second Quarter	26	1240
Third Quarter	27	1280
Fourth Quarter	Application Review	

ACT composite score; SAT reflects evidence-based reading and writing, and math; the highest section scores from multiple tests on the ACT and SAT will be used to maximize score. Assured admission is granted to all students who hold competitive scholarships awarded by an official Texas Tech University scholarship committee. Students applying to biological sciences, business (all), engineering (all), interior design and physics should meet assured admission or be reviewed by the college and accepted into the program. Students who are accepted to Texas Tech but not accepted to these majors will be placed into an Explore program.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Students who select test optional on their application or do not meet assured admission will be evaluated holistically.

- Academic course selection (Honors, AP, Pre-AP, Dual Credit, IB)
- Extracurricular activities
- Leadership experiences
- Civic or other service activities
- Socioeconomic background
- Family educational background
- Special talents or awards
- Diversity of experience and background

We strongly encourage essays from the admissions application and up to three letters of recommendation.

University of Houston

Requirements With Test Score >

Class Rank	SAT or	ACT	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	1080	21	Assured Admission
26 - 50% or No Rank	1170	24	Assured Admission
51% and Lower	—	—	Individual Review*

Requirements Without a Test Score >

Class Rank	Calculated Unweighted GPA**	Admission Type
Top 10%	No Minimum	Assured Admission
11 - 25%	3.40 or higher	Assured Admission
	lower than 3.40	Individual Review*
26 - 50% or No Rank	3.45 or higher	Assured Admission
	lower than 3.45	Individual Review*
51% and Lower	—	Individual Review*

University of Arkansas

New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award

Award Amount	Eligibility Criteria
90%	3.60 GPA
80%	3.40 GPA
70%	3.20 GPA

University of Texas at San Antonio

Bold Promise Free Tuition

- All expenses paid
- Top 25%
- Submit application and FAFSA before January 15
- Family income up to \$50,500

University of Arizona

- Arizona Tuition Award - Merit Based/up to \$35,000 per academic year and renewable
- Based upon UNWEIGHTED GPAs,
 - 4.0 GPA = \$35,000
 - 3.5 GPA = \$12,500
 - 3.0 GPA = \$2,500

Have a question?

